

# The Sun

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## GDS Glee Club Concert is Dec. 15

The Gator and Junior Glee Clubs of Glades Day School will present their holiday concert, "The Gifts of Christmas," at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15, at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. The two choruses will present a variety of sacred and secular holiday music, including old favorites and new songs as well. Tickets for the concert are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children, and are available at GDS from Choral Director Lynn Pernezy (996-6769), or from Isabel Connaire at Okeelanta Sugar.

The Belle Glade Rotary Club will get a preview of the Christmas concert at its Dec. 9 meeting, when the high school chorus will perform several of its holiday selections.

## Tree lighting ceremony in South Bay

Glades residents are invited to participate in South Bay's annual tree-lighting ceremony in the "triangle." Several Christmas trees, decorated by local schools, will be lit at 6 p.m. Participants can enjoy caroling and bringing in the holiday season.

## Elks Memorial service

Belle Glade Elks Lodge #1716 will be holding their annual Elks Memorial Service on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. in the Lodge Room.

## Just in time for Christmas

The "Taste of the Glades" cookbook will be on sale at Belle Glade City Hall for those who missed getting this collection of local recipes.

The Black Gold Jubilee committee compiled the cookbook and it sold out shortly after the 1997 Jubilee. The committee has now ordered an additional 200 copies for sale. Cost of the cookbooks is \$12 and can be purchased by calling Jubilee Chairman Diane Carter at 996-0100.

## Cookie Walk

The First United Methodist Church of Pahokee will hold their second annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 491 East Main Street, Pahokee. The public is invited to attend.

## Meeting to discuss

**Lake Shore School site**  
Lake Shore Middle School's School Advisory Committee will hold a meeting Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium to discuss the school replacement site. Local residents are urged to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

## Festival at Pahokee

The Pahokee Church of God, located at 245 West Third Street, Pahokee, will be having their first festival on Saturday, Dec. 13. There will be foods, games, prizes, arts & crafts and a rummage sale.



**LIGHTING UP THE WORLD WITH CHRISTMAS JOY...** was the theme of Monday night's Pahokee Christmas parade. Shown above is just one of the many floats in the event. For winner's results, see page 10.

## Pahokee aglow during "Light Up Pahokee"

"Light Up Pahokee" was deemed a success by the Pahokee Main Street Design Committee Monday night. All the buildings in the downtown area were decorated in white lights which were turned on just before the city's annual Christmas parade. The parade theme "Lighting the World With Christmas Joy" was reflected on the buildings and the Wilder corner park as well as by the floats in the parade.

"The outstanding Pahokee Main Street Design Committee and all of the participating merchants are to be commended for their involvement in making our community a very special

place," said Shirley Jarriel, Pahokee Main Street coordinator.

Design Chair Barbara Branch said, "We are excited about the Christmas wonderland we're planning for Light Up Pahokee '98. We will begin fund raising early next year for the additional displays to be purchased. The city has graciously provided seed money to get us started, however, we still need more funds to complete the projects we have planned. Our committee is working continually to clean and beautify the city. We are always looking for more volunteers. Please join us by calling 924-6332."

## Twelve local residents may have a happier holiday thanks to Uncle Sam

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Some local residents who have not yet received a refund from their last year's income tax return may be getting an early Christmas present from Uncle Sam.

The Internal Revenue Service has begun its annual search for taxpayers who have not claimed refund checks, mostly from 1996 income tax returns. There are nine Belle Glade residents on the list and three Canal Point residents.

They include Belle Glade residents, or former residents: Artura and Juan Morales, Remberto and Mari Moya, Alonzo Simmons, Jr., Christal Berthius, Hanie Camejo, Gloria Edwards, Herald Leopold, Delilah Logan and Amos

Young. The list also gives Canal Point residents Jose and Luis Castro, Juan C. Fonseca and Ciela and Armando Ramirez.

The IRS says these people have not claimed refund checks that were mailed to their last known address. In South Florida, about 5,000 taxpayers have not claimed refund checks IRS mailed to them. Unclaimed refunds in the state total almost \$6.8 million (\$4.2 million in South Florida alone). Checks range from \$1 to several thousand dollars. The average check in South Florida is \$841.

The IRS says taxpayers can eliminate the possibility of lost, stolen or undeliverable refunds by electing direct deposit. IRS District Director Bruce R.

Thomas said, "Again this year direct deposit is easy to use - just two extra lines to complete in the refund area of the tax form."

Last year, more than 10 million taxpayers avoided problems by having their refund checks direct deposited.

Taxpayers who were expecting refunds and have not received their checks by now should call the IRS toll-free at 1-800-329-1040. You should have a copy of the tax return when you call to refer to social security numbers and dollar amounts.

If your name is listed in this story, you can call the above number or write to the IRS at: Internal Revenue Service, P.O. Box 1167, Attn: DACCS, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33318.

## Much of the Everglades continues to be a vibrant habitat for plants, wildlife

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Much misinformation and rhetoric has surrounded the notion of "restoring" the Everglades since it became an explicit goal of the state, in 1983. In an effort to assist with the overall understanding of the complex issues surrounding the restoration, a report titled "The Everglades: A Volatile Mix of Science and Politics" was prepared for elected officials and Everglades stakeholders prior to the first meeting of Florida's Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on the Everglades. Written by former South Florida Water Management District Public Affairs Director Cathleen C. Vogel, the report is designed to provide background information on Everglades issues and to assess the current status of Everglades programs. The Sun is reprinting the contents of the report in a series of articles over the next few weeks to help local residents understand the Everglades restoration project and how it affects the local economy.

Draining of the Everglades

## The Everglades: A Volatile Mix of Science and Politics Third in a series

These storage components fill up and levels approach the regulation stage, water managers open structures and let water drain out of these areas also. This is done so well and efficiently that we pay little attention to it. But it is an essential and inescapable part of life in South Florida.

### What price drainage?

While we can't live without drainage, we frequently bemoan the price we pay to live with it. Drainage has had two major negative side-effects that are the fundamental problems we are dealing with in South Florida - water quality deterioration and reduced water supply. The coastal reaches of Southeast Florida - the West

## Sky diver's body found

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Volunteers gathered Friday, Nov. 28 to help find the body of a sky diver missing since Nov. 20. Volunteer Tony Combs found the body of Omar Lozada, 26, in a sugar cane field near the Palm Beach County Glades Airport just before noon.

Police asked for volunteers to help in the search after several days of searching to no avail. Lozada, a physician from Venezuela, was sky diving with a friend, Victor Swoos, when the two collided in mid-air. Govone told police he was able to open his parachute, but he saw Lozada holding his head while falling.

## Second parachutist in a week dies after mid-air collision

A second sky diver has died after a mid-air collision just one week after another similar incident. James Darby, 45, of Pahokee, died after jumping from a plane with 20 other divers.

Sheriff's detectives say Darby was "ski boarding," using a board similar to a surf-

board, when he was hit by another parachutist. He spun out of control and never opened his backup parachute.

Darby landed in Lake Okeechobee and nearby fishermen pulled him out of the water. He was pronounced dead at Everglades Regional Medical Center in Pahokee.

## New church in town is already helping the needy

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

They're the new kids in town and they're already making their presence felt.

Redemptive Life Fellowship has purchased the old Church of Christ building and property on South Main Street, Belle Glade. They spent Thanksgiving day providing food for over 400 needy in Belle Glade and are planning to feed over 2,000 people at the loading ramp on Monday, Dec. 8, in conjunction with Feed the Children International.

Co-pastors Harold and Brenda Ray say their mission is to provide help to the needy as a temporary bridge to giving them a hand up.

"When it comes to investing in the lives of the rich resource of creativity and ability that I think is evident in this community, there can be no shortcuts," said Bishop Ray.

The Rays began their ministry in 1991 after Bishop Ray gave up a lucrative nine year law practice. "I came to Florida from Dallas to go into law practice with Willie E. Gary of Indian town," said Bishop Ray. "The Lord led me into full time ministry in 1991 and I never practiced law again. Brenda and I agreed that the time had

come to stop making a living and start giving life."

The Rays now head a multi-million dollar ministry based in West Palm Beach. In addition to their church of over 2,000 souls at Redemption Pointe By The Lake, they also have a community Educational and Recreation Center, a Performing Arts Center, Day Care and Educational Facilities.

The Rays have also published many books and head up the Redemption Pointe Bookstore and a travel agency. Brenda Ray is the founder and president of "The Winners Group," which stands for Women In Neighborhoods Networking Effectively Redeeming Souls. She operates Winners Royal Lineage Fashion, a 4,000 square foot store in the Palm Beach Mall and overseas fashion shows all over the country. The business provides scholarships and jobs for inner-city youth.

The Rays say they will conduct services at the new church in Belle Glade every Sunday at 10 a.m. Over 40 local residents have been attending the church in West Palm. Members of the choral group from the West Palm Beach Redemptive Life Fellowship church will also come each Sunday.

Palm Beach to Miami region drain through the canal system into the intracoastal bays and ultimately the ocean. Consider the growing demand for water in this area, we often think of these discharges as being wasted to tide and wish there were some way to capture the billions of gallons of fresh water that are shunted to the Atlantic every year. If you've ever flown along the east coast after a major storm you can't miss the black plume of water billowing out of the inlets. This is urban stormwater runoff carrying with it sediments, nutrients, heavy metals and other untreated pollutants into the ocean.

Unlike the coastal areas, which drain from west to east, the interior of south Florida drains primarily from north to south/southeast. The Kissimmee River drains into Lake Okeechobee. The lake - as big as it is - is equipped to drain to the east (through the St. Lucie River) and the west (through the Caloosahatchee River) as well as through the canal system to the south. The

Everglades Agriculture Area - one of the few developed areas that discharges water into the Everglades - drains southward into the Water Conservation Areas. The Conservation Areas drain into Everglades National Park, and waters from the Park and southern Dade County drain into Florida Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

As noted earlier, drainage has already reduced the size of the Everglades by half, but more importantly, drainage has interrupted the hydroperiod of the natural system - the timing, volume and geographic distribution of water as it flows through the system. Drainage has carried with it nutrients from agricultural operations, phosphorus in particular, which have been linked to the growth of cattails at key discharge structures emptying into the Water Conservation Areas. Much debate has focused on water quality and millions of dollars are being spent to address it. But there are much greater threats to the Everglades than phosphorus.

See Everglades, Page 5

# The great debate

By Mike Lyons

It is one of the most controversial theories in the history of science. And, beginning next week, it will be debated by representatives from around the world at the United Nations' Climate Conference in Kyoto, Japan.

It is the greenhouse theory: the claim that carbon dioxide produced in large quantities by industrial societies is warming the planet.

Since first raised over a decade ago, the issue of global warming has created wide divisions in science. Some researchers are firm believers in the greenhouse effect, arguing that a continuation of global warming could spell disaster for all life on earth during the next century.

Others, however, disagree, contending the computer models used to predict changes in the climate are notoriously inaccurate. Most scientists take a middle road, suggesting it would be unwise to ignore the threat of global warming.

What makes this issue so controversial and confusing is a bounty of conflicting data. Just when it seems that one scientist has proved that greenhouse gases are raising the earth's temperature, along comes another researcher with evidence proposing that industrial society bears no responsibility.

Two recent studies conducted by independent, responsible scientists are good examples of the quandary over global warming. In the first study, a



Mike Lyons

weather satellite data of the waters surrounding the Arctic and the Antarctic. In the second study, researchers focused on what impact the sun may play in global warming.

The first group discovered that there has been an increase in the ice covering the Antarctic waters and a decrease in the extent of the Arctic Sea ice. The scientists say that this asymmetrical trend "is consistent" with the theory of global warming.

The second study suggests that greenhouse gases have very little to do with climate change. Instead, this group of scientists blame the sun for the rise in the earth's temperature.

Their study says the sun's variability could account for virtually all the global warming measured to date. Researchers think the sun's 11-year sunspot cycle may somehow be responsible for fluctuations in the world's temperature.

Confused? Just imagine how delegates to the United Nations' conference must feel. They will be asked to forge

agreements that would help preserve and protect the global environment. How can we expect the delegates to agree when the scientists can't make up their minds?

Five years ago, leaders from 178 nations met in Rio de Janeiro for the first Earth Summit. At that meeting, delegates did agree, recognizing global warming as a "potential problem" and asking nations to voluntarily reduce emissions of carbon dioxide.

Yet, most countries have ignored the goals and continue to release greenhouse gases. Delegates to next week's meetings have promised to come up with a tougher enforcement plan.

Thomas Huxley once said that science is "organized common sense, where many a beautiful theory was killed by an ugly fact." At present, global warming is a beautiful theory that continues to flourish despite a flurry of ugly facts.



## Check store's refund and exchange policy this holiday shopping season

It is a widely held misconception that all stores are required to give refunds and exchanges for the return of merchandise. In fact, Florida law does not require retailers to give customers refunds or exchanges.

Under Florida law, a retailer only has to post a notice if it offers "no refunds or

exchanges." Since many consumers are now purchasing gifts for others, it is particularly important for a consumer to fully understand the store's refund and exchange policy.

Consumers should also carefully budget how much they can comfortably spend on holiday gifts and activities. Many

consumers find themselves burdened with high credit card bills and other debts after the holiday due to not considering their budget first.

If you have any questions or wish to file a complaint, contact the PBC Division of Consumer Affairs at 561-233-4820 or 930-5124.

## GRASSY WATERS WIMMERS

### 5K WALK/RUN

<b>BEST ALL-AROUND MALE</b> Brandon West...19:55 Father John Mericantante...20:14 Larry West...20:21	<b>15-20 FEMALE</b> Mary Burroughs...37:33 Julie Baumgartner...56:06 Brianna Baruth...56:07	<b>41-55 MALE</b> Ronald Dierks...22:48 Allix Philogene...22:41 Chris Mavroides...24:35
<b>BEST ALL-AROUND FEMALE</b> Patty Dye...23:00 Angee Lohmann...24:53 Lori Collum...24:54	<b>21-30 MALE</b> Steve Matz...29:40	<b>41-55 FEMALE</b> Jacqueline Gay...35:00 Roslyn Craig...37:46 Lola Tillman...45:43
<b>14 &amp; UNDER MALE</b> Ronny Brown...28:43	<b>21-30 FEMALE</b> Paula Matz...39:01 Janell Leatherman...43:07 Tammy Mosley...43:15	<b>55 &amp; OVER MALE</b> Wayne Bynum...22:56 Jon Gay...26:02 Ivan Dye...29:25
<b>14 &amp; UNDER FEMALE</b> Ashley Brown...39:51 Lora Jo Henson...42:37 Ashley Reese...55:39	<b>31-40 MALE</b> Junior Longoria...21:42 Dan Herring...28:15 Brian Lohmann...30:21	<b>55 &amp; OVER FEMALE</b> Barbara Branch...46:20 Sandy Choate...46:25 Shirlee Ingram...46:41
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The Grassy Waters Committee would like to thank all the sponsors and participants in the 5K Walk/Run. Without your help and support, this event would not have been a success. The hard work that went into organizing this event has been sincerely appreciated. We wish to congratulate the winners and to remind you to stay in shape, the next Grassy Waters 5K will be here before your feet have had time to rest!

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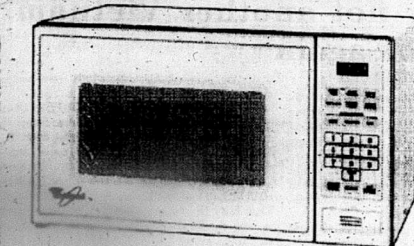
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### Caller defends newspaper

"I'm calling in response to the **Speak Out** in last week's newspaper in reference to the newspaper mix-up in names.

I feel the way the caller made the comments about *The Sun* newspaper making a mistake were very rude.

To me, Brenda Bunting and her staff do a great job with *The Sun* newspaper. They should not be criticized for making a minor mistake. Instead, we should appreciate having a local newspaper.

To Brenda and her staff, keep up the good work. Thank you."

### A pat on the back

"I wanted to call to pat some people on the back. Their names are Herbert Crawford and Ron Osborne.

I think it's about time someone thanked them for the hard work they do in the Pahokee community. I don't think people know that they have been doing great things with the youth, including myself. They have worked very hard to help young men go to college and become somebody.

It seems the people in the community do not appreciate them. I wanted to be one of the people who say thank you for the good things they have done for the youth."

## Letter to the editor

### Dear Editor:

I, Commissioner Clarissa L. Davis, would like to thank the management and staff of the R.J. Gators restaurant in Royal Palm Beach, Christian Hit Radio, (WAY-FM), Mr. Bill Paul, and Mrs. Celia Crittendon Paul, (founder of H.O.P.E. Foundation, Inc.), for their invaluable time, energy, and food donations. This collaborative effort allowed Rev. Clifford C. Davis of the Wesleyan Community Holiness Church, Rev.

Johnny Johnson of the Inspirational Church of God, Mr. Robert Walker of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, me and many volunteers to help make some citizens of Belle Glade and South Bay recipients of Thanksgiving meals. We fed approximately 45 families and an additional 1,500 individuals due to this endeavor. I offer a special "thank you" to Mr. Chuck Royal for allowing us the use of his facility, The Lighthouse Cafe, as our

distribution/information center, and to Chief Miller and staff for all their assistance with directions on addresses and locations. God bless you all for making this a success. The citizens of South Bay and Belle Glade are grateful.

Sincerely,

Clarissa L. Davis  
Commissioner,  
City of South Bay

### Caller knew some of the boys in last week's picture

Shirley Evans of Belle Glade called and identified some of the Boy Scouts in last week's historical photo, taken in 1974. She said the boy in the middle is her son, Bill Evans, who is now married with two children of his own. Bill is a colonel at the coronal institution in Broward County. One of the boys is Danny Copen. Mrs. Evans says she believes he married one of the Campbell's (Campbell's Truck Repair of South Bay). One of the other boys is Mark Kersey, who has moved from the area.

Thanks, Shirley for helping us identify some of the youngsters in this 23-year-old photo.



Shades of the 60s...This photo was taken in the late 1960s in Belle Glade. Everyone seems to be having a good time. Do you recognize any of these young people?

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## Getting an education - small cost, big payoff

By Mary Jane Ford

**Editor's note:** Ms. Ford is the manager of the Department of Federal Programs for the Palm Beach County School System. She is a former resident of Belle Glade, now living in West Palm Beach.

I spent one momentous week of my summer sharing with some of the most dynamic educational leaders in the nation at Nova Southeastern's 1997 Summer Institute. One common thread running throughout the entire institute was the necessity for schools and communities to collaborate in creating effective schools - mitigating the once common thought that education was primarily the responsibility of the schools. We were privileged to be addressed by people who seemingly have a grasp of what it takes to truly educate children in preparing them to do well in life.

Addressing us the very first day was former Governor of New York, Mario Cuomo. He brought a rousing message resonating the maxim that one's needs must take precedence to mere wants. If this nation needs to remain the world's leader in this international society, then it is requisite that we give our utmost attention to education. Otherwise, we will continue losing our edge in the world arena.

It can no longer be just the school's responsibility to educate our populace. The job is too big. It is much too complex. "It takes a village to raise a child" can no longer be argued

as a trite expression. It should become a mantra or affirmation that we repeat daily to keep us focused. If one cannot share in this belief, then we are doomed to keep repeating the same failures we are currently experiencing.

Now, as educational leaders, how do we go about pulling all the necessary players together to achieve this singular mission of educating the populous? I believe the first step is to identify the players and make sound determinations as to how we define education. When a reasonable definition has been agreed upon, the next step is to decide on the mission. What do we hope to accomplish? Why are we educating people? Another very important question to answer is: Who do we educate? Furthermore, how do we determine who to educate and/or how do we make that decision? These are all honest questions that require honest answers. They require a searching of our very souls - remembering that we must live with our choices.

Once the players have agreed on these answers, a decision must be made on how everything will be financed. Who will pay for what and why? For example, during the spring, I met a group of financially secure businessmen who wanted to make a meaningful contribution to education. The founder, a Dallas-based multimillionaire, shared with me that his goal was to positively impact at least 25 percent of elementary school children. I admire his passion for his mis-

sion. He was clear about what he wanted and how he wanted to accomplish it. He was willing to invest in this mission his time, his money, and resources. So must we as educational leaders. Our visions must be clear, and we must be committed to our mission.

I cannot over emphasize the importance of investing wholly in children, understanding that they will be the care givers of tomorrow. When we can all step back and assess the quality of the jobs we are doing in preparing our children for enjoying life, at least at the level we currently enjoy, then we can honestly say we have made progress. Our children should be valued and honored as treasures from God. We should invest in them with the same passion and give them the same attention that we give to our mutual funds, our IRA's, our stocks and bonds, etc. - knowing how great the returns will be if we can just hang in there.

Corla Hawkins, affectionately known as "Mama Hawk," founder of Chicago's Recovering the Gifted Child Charter School has the right idea. We need to take all children as special, gifted, and work feverishly to change the rules which impeded the learning process and progress for all children. We need the ability and courage to stand up and step forward and say in unison, "This is not good for our children; let's change it." If we can muster that courage, then we will have everything in place to remedy what ails us.

## Gulf War not another Vietnam? Better look again

By Martha Carpenter

I am on the eleventh floor of the Gateway Sheraton in Atlanta, Georgia. A housekeeping employee has just completed a "turn-down," which means she turned down the sheets on my king size bed, fluffed all the pillows and left two mints nestled in the feathery softness - not lame, grocery store mints, but mints wrapped in a small green box encircled by a tiny gold ribbon.

The ironic thing is that I would not be here receiving this pampering if, in 1990, my husband had not traveled 9,000 miles to fight in a hundred-hour war which has now lasted, for him, seven years.

We are attending the second annual conference of the National Gulf War Resource Center (NGWRC). Speakers include medical doctors, research scientists, representatives of various grassroots veterans' organizations, and attorneys handling veteran's VA claims.

Conferees include Gulf War veterans and their families and a variety of political persons. Their common goal is to convince the Department of Defense to admit that American soldiers are suffering real illnesses related to their

Gulf War service. Attendees hail from as far away as Alaska and Great Britain.

For the past three years NGWRC has been providing a resource for information, support, and referrals for all those concerned with the complexities of Persian Gulf War issues, especially Gulf War illnesses. The group has been instrumental in helping to uncover lies and misrepresentations by the Department of Defense. Especially the "misrepresentation" that there was no chemical or biological weapons used in the Gulf.

The conference is a gathering of many local and regional organizations seeking to gather new data to share with veterans and their families across the country. Three British veterans hope to gather helpful information which is looked out of their country. They have a much harder battle than Americans. England does not have a Freedom of Information Act, nor Congress people who will fight for the vets. Whatever the country, the sad fact is that once there is no war, the soldier's importance quickly fades.

Another sad fact is that the war is not over.   
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## Draining of the Everglades...Continued from Page 1

The invasion of exotic species is clearly more damaging to the natural flora and fauna of the Everglades. Compare 100,000 acres of Brazilian Pepper which have infested Everglades National Park to the 20,000 plus acres of cattails in the Water Conservation Areas. And throughout South Florida, melaleuca has taken over an estimated 391,000 acres, with its largest infestation occurring in the Water Conservation Areas. Of even greater concern

is restoring a natural depth and flow of water in the remaining Everglades, the issue of hydropattern restoration. Just comparing the size of the area in South Florida that has been impacted by hydropattern disruption to that affected by cattail or melaleuca infestation will give you some idea of the scale of the impact to the natural system that we are trying to address. The impacts of Water Management and exotic

species on the remaining Everglades.

The effects on the hydrology, estimated by the Water Management District during their water supply planning process, show that virtually all remaining Everglades areas experience a much different water regime than was the case historically.

The cattail and melaleuca data are from the 1996 Everglades Report produced by the District.

## Gulf War...Continued from Page 4

Hussein was not defeated, he was only knocked down, as evidenced by his antics over the past week. As our country celebrated a fast victory with minimum casualties, Hussein only hunkered down to fight another day. Was he laughing as he hunkered, knowing he was sending thousands of walking casualties back to America?

If I were not living the nightmare of Gulf War Syndrome, I might be skeptical of this claim of an "unknown illness." I might believe there will always be people who are after something for nothing -- though it is doubtful that more than 100,000 soldiers would attempt it almost simultaneously. If I were not living the reality of this hell, I might feel mild pangs of sympathy when sporadic "Gulf War Syndrome" announcements made the news.

We live within our individual spheres, concerned with daily personal urgencies. The consistent doses of information is just so much superficial static. We have an opinion or perhaps a passing sympathetic thought. But, for information to shock us into an attentive state, we must be living it or at least be close to someone living it.

So, I am very much involved in Gulf War syndrome. I know what legislation is passed and what it really means to the veteran and their families -- not what the government or media says it means. I know when it is really a breakthrough and when it is just hype. And I know firsthand about the change in lifestyle, the stress, the humiliation, the fear and the sadness that permeates every life touched by

this "non-existent" disease.

Those in power said, "There are no sick vets," then, "well, maybe a few, but they are being taken care of."

Then, "There was absolutely no chemical or biological weapons used...yes, all these alarms malfunctioned."

And, "Well, we did blow up some chemical stuff, a few hundred people were exposed...oh...the wind currents, maybe there were 15,000 exposed...whoops...you know the whole story? Well, then maybe there were as many as 100,000."

And after all of this, the DOD says, "But you can still believe all the other stuff or

investigators have concluded -- at least until you dig out more information we can't deny." The government has come to realize that this thing will not go away. More and more civilian researchers have become involved. Gulf War Syndrome is not a figment of 100,000 imaginations; the stress doesn't stem from a hundred-hour-war, it comes from a seven year battle of wits with the military.

There are enough witnesses and enough physical evidence to prove this thing is real and we'd better be finding out the truth before other men and women are thrust into the middle of it.



**DESDAY SCHOOL'S NATIONAL HONOR AND JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY** sponsored a Thanksgiving Food Drive for needy families in the Glades during the month of November. Students and parents contributed over 1,500 canned goods and other non-perishable items, which were donated to the New Hope Charity Foundation and to area churches who knew families in need. Pictured with some of the items collected are NHS members Donnie Scruggs, Watson, Josh Kannel, Kelly Vickery and Mary-Anne Hollingsworth. Their next project is a tmas toy drive.

## South Bay Police Dept. arrest blotter

South Bay Police arrested eight subjects the week of November 23. They gave 81 citations, 11 written warnings, handled 100 citations, two incident reports, 80 miscellaneous incidents, and three accidents. They arrested three subjects this past week:

November 23 - Ceela Harris, obstruction by dis-

Ellis Gibbons, 43, vio-

lation of the open container law.

**November 24** - No arrests made.

**November 25** - Emanuel Webb Dixon, 43, violation of the open container law.

**November 26** - No arrests made.

**November 27** - Gregory Johnson, domestic battery

and obstructing and opposing, corruption by threat.

**November 28** - Arturo Lopez, Jr., 24, domestic battery; Nikkia Antonio Bess, 21, trespassing after warning.

**November 29** - Mandy Lamar Phillips, 23, trespassing, warrant for loitering; Juvenile, 17, warrant for loitering; Juvenile, 16, warrant for loitering.

## Crimestoppers



Milton E. Ponce

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Milton E. Ponce** who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of Driving Under the Influence and DUI manslaughter. Ponce is a white male, 5'9" tall, weighing 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. His date of birth is August 2, 1949. His Social Security Number is unknown and his last known

address was 715 Mobile Home Park, Lot 7, Belle Glade. His last occupation is unknown. His warrant was active as of November 21, 1997.

If you know the whereabouts of **Milton Ponce**, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

## Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

Belle Glade Police Department handled 781 crimes and worked 9 crimes the week of November 23. Those arrested included:

**November 24** - Edgar Burley, burglary and grand larceny; Tammy Denise Beck, 21, throwing a deadly weapon; Joann McGregor, 26, to appear and aggravated assault; James Roberts, 26, to appear and prowling; Liane Lusane Jr., 47, loitering and prowling.

**November 25** - Joel Gibson, 31, burglary, petty theft, possession of burglary tools, possession of narcotic paraphernalia by a disguised person; failure to appear; Yenzanes, 18, failure to appear, contempt of court; Russell Nelson, 38, possession of cocaine; Ronald Lomb, 31, consumption of alcoholic beverage in public place.

**November 26** - Virgin Banks, 31, theft; Irene Vereen, 31, assault on a law enforcement officer.

**November 27** - Robert Lee, 33, failure to appear; Shannonhouse, 19, to appear and prowling; Rodriguez, 32, to appear and prowling; Jose Garcia, 35, driving under the influence.

**November 28** - Richard Lee, 33, domestic battery.

**November 29** - Willie J. McCoy, 34, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest with violence, battery on a law enforcement officer and domestic battery; Juliene Richmond, 35, neglect of a child; Jearline Samples, 36, burglary, petty theft, possession of burglary tools, possession of narcotic paraphernalia by a disguised person; failure to appear; Yenzanes, 18, failure to appear, contempt of court; Russell Nelson, 38, possession of cocaine; Ronald Lomb, 31, consumption of alcoholic beverage in public place.

**November 30** - John Thomas, Jr., 45, aggravated battery on a pregnant female and two counts of contempt of court.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

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# Obituaries

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**Remo G. Rotelli**, 67, died on December 1, 1997, at the Hendry Regional Medical Center in Clewiston. Born in Florence, Italy on August 3, 1930, he eventually

came to Belle Glade where he worked as a construction foreman.

He is survived by his son, Omar Rotelli of Belle Glade; daughter Deanna L. Spinelli of

Dumont, NJ; daughter Loretta L. Stowell and brother Franko Rotelli of West Palm Beach; sister Julianna Cornella of Tenafly, NJ; and three grandchildren.

His cremation was held in the Northlake Crematory, located in Okeechobee.

Akin-Davis Funeral Homes, P.A. is handling the arrangements.

## Sugar Bears Tracks



walk to a nearby park for a popcorn party. Thanks to these students who helped make Thanksgiving special for 30 families.

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation has awarded a grant to Mrs. Annette Gray, our media specialist. The main activity of the grant is to design two quilts based on Mrs. Keats' books. Our school will keep one quilt and the other will be given to another school. This other school and students from Pioneer Park will be corresponding using E-mail.

Students at Pioneer Park Elementary donated canned goods to make Thanksgiving baskets to share with families in our community. Enough goods were collected to make 30 baskets. All students who participated were allowed to

If anyone is interested in being out pennants, please call Mrs. Gray at Pioneer Park Elementary School.

## ARC celebrates 20 years

The Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) held its annual meeting on November 20, 1997 at the Belle Glade City Hall. They celebrated 20 years of service, having been established in the Glade's in 1977.

Awards were given to employees and board members who shined a little brighter this past year. Stephen Baumgartner, President of the local ARC, presented the awards as follows: President's Award- Dr. Donald A. Fliehs; Outstanding Board Member

Award- Alta Lee Barber; Carpenter's Award- Palm Beach County Sheriff's Drug Farm; Outstanding Achievement Award- Sharon Peace; Community Service Award- Nedra George; GAARC Outstanding Employee of the Year- Hyacinth Brown; and Mary Powell Brown was acknowledged for ten years of dedicated service.

Two new members were added to the Board of Directors for two year terms: Mirtha Graydon and Barbara Milligan.

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# HEALTH WATCH

## Infectious diseases nothing to play around with

By Paula Swaford, RN

After voicing my concerns to a friend of mine regarding her "horrible cough the other day, she admitted to me that she had stopped taking her antibiotic after two days. This is the situation that many people put themselves into, unknowingly endangering their own health by not following doctor's orders and completing the course of antibiotic therapy as ordered. Now she feels even worse than before and she doesn't understand why. What she has done by taking two days worth of medication is to "tease" the germs and her body's defense system into thinking that the "fight" to get well has begun; to get well has begun; to get well she abruptly stops defending her-

self and the germs come back even stronger than before.

Infectious diseases are nothing to play with, believe me. More than 17 million people died from infectious diseases in 1995. The biggest killers were acute respiratory infections, such as pneumonia, and diarrheal diseases such as cholera, typhoid and dysentery; tuberculosis and malaria. The World Health Organization (WHO) produces an annual report on the state of global health. In this report, some of the major areas of concern are:

•Drug-resistant strains of microbes (germs) that cause tuberculosis, malaria, cholera, diarrhea and pneumonia are having deadly impact. Some bacteria are resistant to as



Paula Swaford, RN

many as 10 different drugs. Resistant bacteria are responsible for up to 60% of hospital-acquired (nosocomial) infections in the United States.

•Cancer of the stomach, cervix and liver are associated with viruses and bacteria. More than 1.5 million of the 10 mil-

lion new cancer cases a year could be avoided by preventing infections associated with them.

In the late 1970s, the common thought among health communities was that TB, or tuberculosis, was almost a thing of the past. TB sanitariums were beginning to close down all over the country due to the lack of patients. But then AIDS and HIV-positive patients came along and changed all of that. Those of you over the age of 40 can remember receiving your one-time vaccination for smallpox that left an ugly scar on your arm. Thank goodness our children haven't had to go through that as smallpox is considered a "dinosaur" now and quite

extinct.

The WHO has good news to report: Slated to join smallpox on the extinct list is polio, which is targeted for global eradication by the year 2000. There are now 145 countries free of this disease. Leprosy is steadily declining and "should no longer represent a significant public health problem within the next few years," says the annual report.

In the 1950s and 60s, scientists thought that with an arsenal of antibiotics they would conquer infectious diseases. But in the 1990s, they know better. Bacteria rapidly are outsmarting antibiotics. Old scourges (like TB) are back, and new ones are emerging, wreaking havoc from remote

Third World villages to the modern First World cities. Americans, especially baby boomers, have lost the "healthy respect for microbes" that those who grew up in the pre-antibiotic era had. I've seen mothers refuse to leave the pediatrician's office until they had a prescription for an antibiotic, even if the child only had a virus that the antibiotic "would not touch." They felt that antibiotics could cure anything and used them indiscriminately. Now we know better and should use them only when doing so will eradicate an infection in the body. Until next time, stay informed and stay healthy.

### Flu shot can be a lifesaver for people with diabetes...

Diabetes increases risk of death with flu

Although people with diabetes are more likely to die with influenza (the flu) than people without diabetes, more than half of them do not get flu shots, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC encourages people with diabetes to get safe, effective flu shots before flu season begins this fall.

During flu epidemics, death rates among people with diabetes increase five to 15 percent, and each year 10,000 to 30,000 people with diabetes die from complications of the flu or pneumonia. Many of those deaths may be prevented through vaccinations. "People with diabetes may be unaware that the disease can make their immune system more vulnerable to severe cases or even death from the flu," says Dr. Frank "Minicor," director of the Division of Diabetes Translation at CDC. "A flu shot is an easy, safe, preventive measure that people with diabetes should take to protect themselves from the risks associated with the flu."

Vaccinating people who are

reducing the risk of hospitalization and death.

The flu is a respiratory illness caused by a virus. It is characterized by an abrupt fever, muscle soreness, sore throat and a nonproductive cough.

A flu shot is needed each year because flu viruses can change from one year to the next.

It's always good advice to check with your doctor before getting this or any other vaccination, but don't be afraid of getting the flu from the vaccination - it doesn't contain a live virus. Some people might assume that if they catch a cold shortly after receiving a flu vaccine, it was the shot that made them sick. But that's not so - a cold virus is completely different from a flu virus.

Individuals who live around people with diabetes should also get a flu shot to avoid passing the illness along to them.

The CDC recommends that people with diabetes also receive a vaccination for pneumococcal disease, the cause of the most common form of pneumonia. It is safe to take along with a flu vaccine, and one dose provides lifelong protection for most people.

Talk to your doctor to learn if you should take these important vaccines.



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at high risk for the flu before the season starts in the fall is the most effective measure of reducing the effects of the flu, according to the CDC. And in the few people who come down with the flu despite vaccination, it can prevent lower respiratory tract involvement.

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## Federal agency recommends chiropractic care

By Bernard Stern, D.C.

Doctors of Chiropractic and their patients have always known that conservative care is the best way to treat acute low back problems. Now, based in an exhaustive study of the current research on treating low back pain, a group of medical specialists impelled by the federal Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) has endorsed conservative care for this widespread and often debilitating condition.

In its clinical practice guideline, *Acute Low Back Pain Problems in Adults*, the panel recommends treating the pain of most acute low back problems with spinal manipulation in the first four weeks of symptoms, and/or non-prescription pain killers in conjunction with mild exercise such as walking and swimming, followed by conditioning exercises in about two weeks. The panel stresses the importance of resuming normal daily activities as quickly as possible and found that more than four days of bed rest can be counterproductive.

Because chiropractic health care is dedicated to helping the body to heal itself by using spinal manipulation, you may not need even the mild over-the-counter medication sug-

gested by the guideline. Doctors of Chiropractic are trained to diagnose your condition and, should you be one of the rare cases that will not respond to this conservative regime, can refer you to the appropriate health care professional. In addition, a chiropractor can help you to develop an exercise program that will help you to recover quickly without further injury.

A study by the prestigious



RAND Corporation confirmed that chiropractors perform 94%



Bernard Stern, D.C.

of the spinal manipulation in the United States, with osteopaths delivering just four percent and general practitioners and orthopedic surgeons performing the remaining two percent. Chiropractors have always been and will always be committed to healing through spinal manipulation (chiropractic spinal adjustment).

The AHCPR felt that it was important to create guidelines for acute low back pain for the following reasons:

•Frequency of low back problems. Most people experience low back problems during their lifetimes; national statis-

tics indicate that 15-30% of the population is affected each year.

•High cost in financial and human terms. Estimates of the total annual loss due to back pain on the lives of those who suffer and their families is impossible to measure.

•Questionable quality of treatment. Increasing evidence indicates that many patients are receiving care that is inappropriate or less than optimal.

•Growing amount of scientific research available. Because of the efforts of organizations who fund scientific research, like the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research, there is now sufficient scientific evidence for conclusions about efficacy and safety of treatment methods.

If you suffer from low back problems that keep you from performing your normal daily activities, remember the advice of the AHCPR: Conservative care is almost always the safest, most effective solution.

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## Affordable Dry Cleaning opens on South Main Street

A new dry cleaning establishment has opened this week in Belle Glade. Affordable Dry Cleaning, owned and operated by Jeff Hawkins, is open for business at 349 South Main Street.

Mr. Hawkins says he has opened the business to offer local residents fast, affordable dry cleaning without the hassle of going to the coast.

"I'm trying to offer better quality and at the same time make it more affordable for

everyone," he said. Turn around time for customers bringing their dry cleaning to Affordable is two days and Mr. Hawkins says he will be offering weekly specials on different items each week.

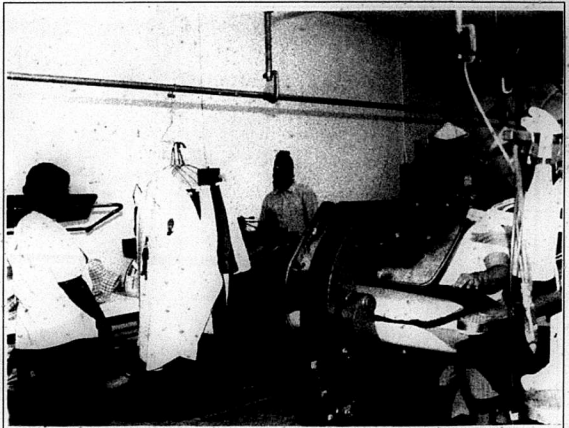
Mr. Hawkins has several other businesses he runs in the same general location as the new dry cleaning facility. He owns and operates Bull's Eye Pawn and Gun, The Tax Refund Service, and Bull's Eye

Bail Bonds.

His new business has given five local residents jobs and in the future he plans to offer alterations at Affordable Dry Cleaning.

The business is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

"I want to invite everyone to stop by and take advantage of our low-cost, affordable dry cleaning," said Mr. Hawkins.



**NEW DRY CLEANING BUSINESS OPEN...** Jeff Hawkins has opened Affordable Dry Cleaning in Belle Glade. Shown working are Estella Nunez, Molly Harden and Maria Marrero.

## Thanksgiving is special at Pahokee Youth Center

Thanksgiving was no ordinary day for the residents and staff of the Pahokee Youth Development Center. Normal regimented schedules were put aside on this special day and residents were encouraged to "sleep in." They awoke to the aroma of fresh blueberry muffins and juice served "continental style" in each of their living units, known as pods. "Save room for some turkey," said one youth to another.

Food Service Manager, Frank Behr and his staff prepared more than 280 pounds of turkey breast for residents, staff and their special guests - parents. An all-you-can-eat lunch of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings were served to youth and staff in their individual pods.

"Invitations went out to all

parents or legal guardians," said Alice Thompson, community relations and volunteer services coordinator. "Our preparation was rewarded. We served happy parents and their sons in our Chapel. Even off-duty staff popped in with well wishes."

The day continued to unfold with casual supervised activities. Some youth, so stuffed from their hearty meal, just laid back, enjoying the day off.

"For many of us who were working or serving, Thanksgiving took on a new meaning," said Mrs. Thompson. "I found myself giving thanks for just being a part of the day. Sacrificing one's day off with the own family for the benefit of these young men was truly rewarding," she said.

The holiday was capped off

on Saturday with visits from churches and organizations from the community who have volunteered their services by becoming "Adopt-A-Pod Parents."

They came laden with home-baked goodies and punch, wearing special I.D. badges identifying them as "Proud Adopt-A-Pod Parents."

The facility, under contract with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and the Correctional Privatization Commission, is managed by Correctional Services Corporation of Sarasota. It serves as home and school for 350 males between the ages of 13 to 18.

"The holiday activities serve to bond the community with the facility by showing the true spirit of Thanksgiving," said Mrs. Thompson.

## Pahokee residents invited to caroling

Pahokee residents are invited to join members of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce in the second annual Main Street Christmas Caroling. Participants are asked to meet at the corner of Bacom Point Road and South Lake Avenue on Monday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. for traditional Christmas carols in the out-

doors. Everyone is welcome and all the churches in the community are encouraged to participate. The community's involvement will assure an evening of fun and fellowship as Pahokee brings in the holiday season.

If more information is needed, call Pahokee Main Street at 924-6332.

## Class fundraiser was successful

The Pahokee High School Class of 1978 would like to say thank you to those who supported their recent fundraiser on Nov. 22. Ms. Queen E. Miller was the recipient of a 19" colored television. The class is still seeking the

whereabouts of several classmates.

Anyone who has any information on classmates who have moved away is asked to contact Diane Freeman at 924-2867 or Teresa Byrnes at 924-2006.

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GLADES DAY SCHOOL'S Chairman of the Board, Tommy Altman, and Board Member Mike Schlecter were on hand to dedicate the Robert L. Mace Athletic Center.

## National Family Literacy Day



Anita Koch, Janetta Lane, and Royal Palm Beach Mayor Clara Williams celebrated National Family Literacy Day with the students and staff of the Glades Tri-City Family Education Program.

The students and staff of Glades Tri-City Family Education Program, located at Glades Glen, 2000 Main Street, Belle Glade, celebrated National Family Literacy Day, Monday, Nov. 3, with festivities hosted by Parent Power Literacy Program of Lincoln Elementary School in Riviera Beach. National Family Literacy Day was celebrated all over the country with special activities and events that showcased the importance of

family literacy programs and community partnerships. Among those attending the event and offering messages of inspiration to students were Riviera Beach Mayor Clara Williams and news anchors Anita Sewell of WPEC Channel 12 and Melanie O'Connor of WPBF Channel 25. Author Laura "Mac" McGrath offered an interactive presentation for parents and children featuring her book "I am", and Chuckie Cheese

entertained the children. Highlighting the theme of "Reaping a Harvest of Readers", adult students from the Tri-City Program created special centerpieces for the occasion.

Family literacy programs bring parents and children together in the classroom to learn and support each other in their efforts to further their education and improve their life skills. Essential messages about the importance of education are passed on to their children.

As recent national studies have proven, these parents and children soon develop as a team in learning and become partners in success. National Family Literacy Day is sponsored by the National Center for Family Literacy and Toyota. Over the last 6 years, Toyota has invested nearly \$9 million to establish family literacy programs across the country. The Glades Tri-City Program is funded by local and Federal grants, United Way, and private donations.

For more information, contact Anita Koch, Coordinator of the Tri-City Program at 992-8068.

## Pahokee hosts 12th annual Christmas parade

Pahokee held its 12th annual Christmas parade, "Lighting the World With Christmas Joy", on Dec. 1.

The winners were as follows: Grand Marshal Award - Everglades Regional Medical Center; Best Community Float - First Community Bank of PBCo; Best Non-commercial

Church, Honorable Mention to God Shepherd Church of God Children's Choir; Best Band - Pahokee Middle-Senior High School, O.D. Express; Best Marching Unit - Pahokee Middle-Senior High School AFJROTC; and Best Motor Unit - Xi Beta Tau Sorority, Honorable Mention to Belle

Barbara Branch, Flavy Todd, and Ken Schenck served as judges for the parade.

The 1996 Citizen of the Year (Pahokee) was honored as the Grand Marshal. The parade was preceded by the "Light Up" of Pahokee.

On Monday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m., you can hear the wonderful sounds of Christmas and/or be a part of "Main Street Caroling."

For more details call Shirley Jarril at 924-6332.

## Dedication of the Robert L. Mace Athletic Center

By Julie C. Bramlett  
Staff Reporter

A portrait of Robert L. Mace, painted by Ann Tyler, hangs on the wall in Glades Day School's newly renovated athletic center, so all who pass will be reminded of his generosity and support. A plaque below the painting reads: For over thirty years Bob Mace has been a benefactor of Glades Day School. His generosity in support of this school has made a tremendous difference to hundreds of students who have passed this way... Having come to this area from his native Ohio, Bob Mace was a pioneer in the sod industry. Before his retirement in 1988, Bob built his Mace Sod Company into the largest commercial sod operation in the world. He was never too busy, however, to lend a hand to help others. He has been a special patron of youngsters in the Glades area and of Glades Day School in particular.

Glades Day School held an Open House to dedicate the Robert L. Mace Athletic Center on the evening of Dec.

1. Mr. Mace donated a large sum of money for the renovations; without his help, the project would have taken years to complete.

Although plans to repair the old gym were being discussed over a year and a half ago, they were not put into effect until this past March. The planning stage might have taken longer than some had hoped, but the results reveal that it was well worth the wait.

The old athletic facility desperately needed a facelift; it had an uneven floor, no air conditioning, and a ceiling that looked as if it would give way with the next roar of the crowd. But things have changed.

The gym floor is now wood where tiles used to be. The athletic center is air conditioned throughout and the ceiling has been repaired.

The stage that once stood in the back of the gym, has now been converted into three offices: one for the male coaches and one for the female coaches, both equipped with a

television and VCR; and the third is utilized by the trainer, complete with a whirlpool, ice maker, and medicine cabinet.

The locker rooms have been painted, new fixtures have been installed, the men's locker room was expanded, and the ceiling was raised during the process.

The former cafeteria now shelters the new Fine Arts Department, consisting of an art room and a music room.

Since athletics play a large role in the lives of students and parents in the Glades area, it is important that the facilities be up to date.

Although Mr. Mace's Contribution paid for the bulk of the renovations, there are still some finishing touches left undone. These final details can be funded by individuals purchasing a "square" of the gym floor. Those who decide to contribute will be able to designate a name that will be permanently inscribed in the school's new Gator Room, which overlooks the gym floor.

## Harva Lisette Miller to wed Houston Leonard Tate



Harva Miller and Houston Tate

Harva Lisette Miller of Belle Glade and Houston Leonard Tate of Los Angeles, Calif. will exchange vows on Saturday, Dec. 13, in a double ring ceremony at the St. John First Baptist Church located at 600 S.W. Eighth St., Belle Glade.

Reverend J.B. Adams will officiate.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Henry and Harma Miller of Belle Glade, and the groom-elect is the son of Bishop and Mary Tate of Los Angeles.

Harva is a graduate of

Glades Central Community High School and holds a Bachelor of Science in Fashion Merchandising and a minor in Marketing from Howard University in Washington, D.C. She is also a recording artist and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Houston is a graduate of John C. Fremont High School in Los Angeles, California and holds an Associates of Arts degree in Industrial Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

An invitation is extended to all friends and family. Please come and share this joyous occasion. The couple will honeymoon in Aruba, Curacao, and the Netherlands. The public is invited, however you must RSVP by calling Miller Mortuary at 996-0650.

## Glades Day Gator Tales

"It's open!"

Glades Day School's new athletic facilities became a reality this week as the school held an Open House to celebrate the completion of the Robert L. Mace Athletic Center in Dora B. McWhorter Hall. Over 100 Visitors showed up to tour the new facilities, which include larger locker rooms; new coaches' offices and storage rooms; a wood floor for the gym; an upstairs concession area and classroom; and air conditioning.

Although the basketball teams had already practiced in the new gym a few times, the first games were played this past Tuesday when the JV and varsity basketball boys played Ft. Lauderdale Westminster.

The month of December is here and that can mean only one thing—Christmas! And what a better way to celebrate the holidays than attending the Christmas programs lined up for students and parents.

The elementary will kick off the season with a program scheduled for 7 p.m. this Monday, Dec. 8, in the new gymnasium. Then the Gator Glee Club and Junior Glee Club will present their annual holiday concert, "The Gifts of Christmas," at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15, at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Tickets for the Glee Club's concert are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children, and are available at GDS from Lynn Perney, the choral director, or

from Isabel Coonfare, who works at Okeelanta Sugar.

Another holiday tradition takes place this Saturday, Dec. 6, with the City of Belle Glade's Christmas Parade down Main Street. Glades Day's own Gator Band will march in the parade and Carla Alvarez, the 1997 Homecoming Queen, will also be featured.

The National Honor and Junior Honor Societies have begun a Toy Drive to help underprivileged kids at Christmas. We all know there are some children who, without toy donations, would get nothing for Christmas. Therefore, they are asking parents and students to add one more to your shopping list and put an extra toy for others in your cart to donate to the Toy Drive. Good, used toys are also welcome. The Toy Drive will end on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

## Belle Glade Christmas Parade

The Christmas Season is here. Come see the City of Belle Glade's holiday display, featuring trees decorated by our local schools. Also on Saturday, December 6, Belle Glade will have its Tenth Annual Christmas Parade, "Holiday Fun Under the Glades Sun". It will start at 10 a.m. on Airport Road and travel down Main Street, ending at the Belle Glade Municipal Complex.

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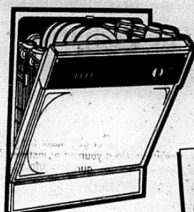
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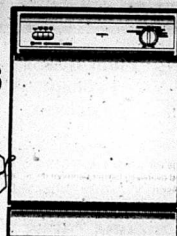
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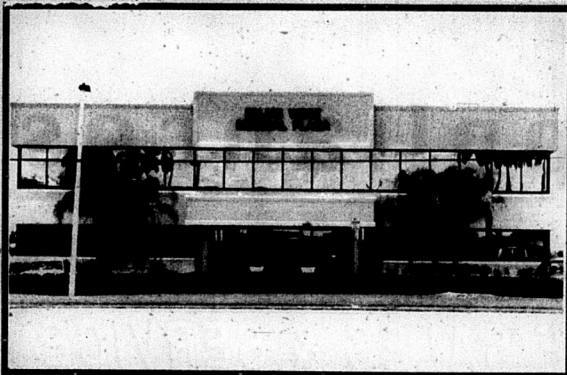
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Our staff consists of our board certified pediatricians, Dr. Shirley A. Marineau, Dr. Susan Shamaskin, Dr. Stacey Clark and Dr. Grisell Diaz de Villegas. Recently joining us is Dr. Ali Khosravi, who is board eligible in pediatrics and will be taking his exam this year. As an added benefit, four of our physicians are bilingual in English and Spanish.

Our practice specializes solely in the care of children - from newborns to adolescents. We provide services such as well child care, including immunizations, hearing and vision testing, hemoglobin tests as well as tuberculosis screening. Because of our special training, exam rooms and instrumentation, we are able to take care of children of all ages, including children with disabilities. Also, we diagnose and treat most childhood illnesses and pay special attention to prevention. When needed, we refer to pediatric sub-specialists.

The Pediatric Center offers special services for children with chronic ear infections and monitors our asthmatic patients with the help of in-house oxygen measurements as well as spirometry. We offer in-house testing for other diseases as well. Also, we make special arrangements to provide free immunizations to patients without insurance coverage.

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## Pahokee advances to regional semi-finals

By Robbie Everett

The Pahokee Blue Devils defense led by sophomores Willie Earl Ransom and Eric Moore along with Demetrius Fitzgerald sacked Gulliver's quarterback seven times en route to a 27-3 win.

Senior strong safety Alvin Dean was on the receiving end of three of five interceptions, one for a 25 yard touchdown run.

Pahokee's opening score came on a 20 yard pass from Anquan Boldin to Antonio Graham. Shortly after Boldin, playing defense, intercepts Gulliver's quarterback and scampers in 65 yards to extend the lead to 14-0.

Gulliver gets on the board with a field goal before the quarter ends with its only score of the evening. Pahokee led at half-time 20-6. Boldin's final score came in the third quarter on a 15 yard run. He ended the evening with 10 of 22 passes completed for 174 yards, and 55 yards rushing. Pahokee will meet Clewiston at Cane Field Friday evening in the semi-finals of the division 3A playoffs.

The Pahokee/Clewiston rivalry ended ten years ago when Clewiston moved up a class. But the hype of this approaching game makes it seem like yesterday.

## Pioneer Park Raiders win Championship with 14-13 win over the Steelers

The Pioneer Park Youth Flag Football League ended the season in a (3) three-way tie for first place.

Between the Pioneer Park Raiders, Pioneer Park Steelers, and the Okeechobee Raiders all with 9-3 records. In the first round of the playoffs the Steelers defeated the Okeechobee Raiders by a score of 12-0, to advance to the championship game against the Pioneer Park Raiders.

During the championship game the Steelers struck first with a 12 yard TD pass from QB Jatavious Jackson to WR Terryl McOmere, extra point failed.

The Raiders came right back with an 16 yard TD pass from Curtis Brown to Andrew

Harold. Curtis Brown added the extra point putting the Raiders up 7-6 at half-time.

Early in the second half the Steelers went back on top with a 5-yard run by QB Jatavious Jackson. Jackson also added the extra point putting the Steelers up 13-7.

With only eight minutes left in the game on a 2nd down play the Raiders QB Curtis Brown hit WR Javarious Lovely with a short pass across the middle. Lovely then scampered for a 46 yard TD to tie the game at 13-13. Lovely added the extra point putting the Raiders up 14-13 with 4:10 left.

The Raiders defense held off the Steelers for the 14-13 victory.

## Raiders headed for semi-final round!



#3 Dan Bythwood and #33 Arthur Brown have plans to do it again next week.

## Raiders to face Tampa Robinson in semi-finals

By Larry Barnes

The Raiders (12-0 on the season) move on to the regional semi-finals this Friday night after defeating Palmetto 17-14 last Friday night in what seemed to be a gut check game for the Raiders.

Statistically, this wasn't one for the books, but the Raiders, like all good well-rounded teams, found a way to win the game.

These two teams were about as evenly matched on this night as two teams can be. Both offenses were able to sustain ball control drives between the 20's and both defenses were also able to tighten their grips in the red zone.

The game went right down to the wire with Palmettos lace kicker Taylor missing a field goal attempt from the Raiders' 25 yard line with only seconds remaining in the game.

Some might argue that a couple of officiating calls might have tilted the scale to Palmetto's favor.

But this assessment only strengthens the fact of what a hard fought and show off character that the Raiders put forth for the win, because everyone knows a bad call in a 48 minute game doesn't cost a victory. Hard play from both teams tells the story. A big Turkey leg goes to the Raiders (coaching staff) for instilling in the entire team what this kind of contest demands, a winning heart.

The Raiders have one more obstacle between them and a state championship game in Gainesville; they will have to get past Tampa Robinson Friday night on their home turf. Don't miss it!

## Smith and Blackwell finished in top 20 at the USA Track and Field Cross Country State Championship

On November 29, 1997, the Pahokee Track Club participated in the USA Track and Field Cross Country State Championship in Orlando, FL. There were 210 runners that participated in the event. The Track Club had

two runners that placed in the top 20.

Antione Smith finished 17th, with a time of 11:18 and Shielam Blackwell placed 20th with a time of 11:25.

Both runners qualified for the Nationals which will be

held in Eugene Oregon, on December 13, 1997.

Smith and Blackwell will also participate in the AAU Cross Country National which will be held in Orlando, FL, on December 6, 1997.



Dr. Grear brother & sister, Chuck and Shirley were at last Friday's game for Raider support. Photo by Big "A" Vereen

## Fishing With Walt Reynolds B.A.S.S. Touring Pro



Walt Reynolds

The weather on Lake Okeechobee this week has been the stuff the Chamber of Commerce writes about. It just doesn't get any better than this. Nice warm days and cool evenings with a light breeze.

If the fishing were as good

as the weather it would be close to heaven here. Unfortunately that is not the case. The bass fishing has been very slow this week. A good day might consist of three or four keeper fish for the average angler. The fish are still in transition and moving about. Here today gone tomorrow, is the report from many of the fishermen I have talked to this week.

The fish that have been caught for the most part being caught on topwater and worms. A very small "Chug Bug" is a good choice in a shad color according to Ron Stevens a local guide here on Lake Okeechobee. I caught several small fish on a green pumpkin lizard also. The lake will be busy this

week what with The Fisherman's Bass Circuit tournament on the 6th and 7th of December. It is a Team event with a new fully rigged Ranger for the first place. The weigh-in will be a Roland Martin Marina on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. If you would like to enter the pre tournament meeting will be at the high school on Friday evening. The entry fee is \$500 per tow man team. There will be a lot of the well known pros from around the country fishing the event so maybe they will figure out how to catch these finicky fish.

To all a good bite...  
Walt Reynolds  
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## Sports Briefs .....

### 4th Annual Golf Tournament

Dust off those clubs. The Belle Glade Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring its 4th Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, December 13, 1997. The tournament is to be held at the City of Belle Glade Golf and Country Club.

Proceeds from this tournament are to be used for the purchase of children's fire safety education material. We promise not to hose anyone!!

The Belle Glade Golf Course will provide the challenge and we'll provide the camaraderie. So grab your partners and join us for a day of fun.

For sponsorship and fees information, please contact Lori Crawford at (561) 996-2023. Entry forms can be picked up at the Belle Glade Fire Department.

### Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame in 1998

Nominations are open for persons to be considered for induction into the Palm Beach County Sports Hall of

Fame in 1998.

The 22nd annual Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame awards dinner will be held early in 1998, according to Joe Ceravolo, the new president of the Hall of Fame committee. A date and site will be announced soon. In addition to the induction ceremonies, special awards are presented annually to the Professional Athlete of the Year, Amateur Athlete of the Year and Coach of the Year.

The deadline for nominations for these three annual awards is December 31, 1997. Resumes should be mailed to The Sun Newspaper, 417 N.W. 16th Street, Suite 6, Belle Glade, FL 33430 attention Jennie M. Sears.

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The Golf Privilege Card makes a great gift for those who routinely or occasionally golf or would like to take up the sport.

All proceeds from the Golf Privilege Card benefit the programs and services of the American Lung Association of Southeast Florida in its fight against lung disease. The 1998 Golf Privilege Card is valid until the end of October 1998; a few courses extend play all year. They are sold at many locations throughout South Florida.

For more information about the "Lung Card" or to place your order, please call (561) 659-7644 or 1-800-330-5664.



**STANDINGS**

	Last Wk.	All
•Big A	10	95-35
•Jim Cochran	7-3	95-35
•Toni Jennings	9-1	99-31
•Jimmy Beno	10	102-28
•Gary Melvin	10	97-33
•Clay Connell	9-1	94-36
•Robert Archer	8-2	98-32

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**MATCHUPS**

Glades Central vs. Tampa Robinson	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders
Moore Haven vs. Lake Highland	Moore Haven	Lake Highland	Lake Highland	Moore Haven	Moore Have	Moore Haven	Moore Haven
Pahokee vs. Clewiston Tigers	B. Devils	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	B. Devils	Tigers
Nebraska vs. Texas AM	Texas AM	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Tampa Bay vs. Greenbay	Bucs	Green Bay	Bucs	Green Bay	Green Bay	Bucs	Green Bay
Jaguars vs New England	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars
Miami Dolphins vs.Detorit	Dolphins	Detroit	Detroit	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Detroit
Army vs Navy	Army	Navy	Navy	Navy	Army	Navy	Navy
Indianapolis vs. New York Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	Indianapolis	NY Jets
Tennessee vs. Auburn	Auburn	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee

**STANDINGS**

	Last Wk.	All
•Mike Burkett	10	102-28
•Billy Rimes	10	99-31
•Hattie Bennett	9-1	93-37
•Vera Robinson	10	98-32
•Steve Stafford	8-2	94-36
•Donny Moss	10	96-34
•Penny Lester	10	95-35

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Moore Haven vs. Lake Highland	Moore Haven	Moore haven	Lake Highland	Moore Haven	Moore Haven	Moore Haven	Moore Have
Pahokee vs. Clewiston Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	B. Devils	Tigers	B. Devils	B. Devils
Nebraska vs. Texas AM	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Tampa Bay Bucs vs. Green Bay	Green Bay	Bucs	Bucs	Green Bay	Green Bay	Bucs	Green Bay
Jaguars vs. New England	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars
Dolphins vs. Detroit	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins
Army vs. Navy	Navy	Army	Navy	Army	Navy	Army	Navy
Indianapolis vs. New York Jets	NY Jets	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	NY Jets	Indianapolis	NY Jets	NY Jets
Tennessee vs. Auburn	Tennessee	Auburn	Tennessee	Tennessee	Auburn	Tennessee	Auburn

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### December Calendar of Events

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12/5 1/4 Mile Test & Tune  
12/10 1/4 Mile Test & Tune  
12/12 Last 1/4 Mile Test & Tune of 1997  
12/13 Imports Only Test & Tune  
12/14 Import Drags E.T. Bracket Race

"The newest trend in drag racing seems to be the Import Drags. This event will feature drag racing, swap meet, manufacturers, and other import industry partners.

### Moroso Motorsports Park, 1998 Special Event Dates

January 1-3	SCCA 24-HOUR ROAD RACE
January 7-8	Historic Sports Car Race
January 17-18	SCCA WINTER NATIONAL ROAD RACE
February 1	HOT ROD SUNDAY
February 14-15	SCCA National Road Race
February 21-22	HOT ROD POWER FESTIVAL
March 14-15	ALL SPORT ALL CHEVY SHOW
May 16-17	FEPSI/JET CAR NATIONALS
August 2	HOT ROD SUNDAY
September 13	CHRYSLER CLASSIC SHOW
October 3-4	ALL FORD SHOW
November 18-22	SUNOCO 5-DAY BRACKET CHAMPIONSHIPS
November 28-29	MOUNTAIN DEW CITRUS NATIONALS

### Sidestep the holiday bustle

The mad rush of the holidays can be like a dance in which we try to manage too many steps in too many directions. No wonder many people feel overwhelmed and exhausted by the time the holidays are over.

"You can sidestep the holiday, though," said Dottie Gabor, a representative of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). "Just follow these three principles."

(1) Simplify. "Streamline whenever you can," said Dottie. "This means different things to different people. It might mean you bake one kind of homemade cookie this year instead of a half-dozen varieties. Maybe it means that you take shortcuts on your decorating to achieve the effect you want without a lot of fuss."

(2) Set priorities. Decide what's really important to you, and forego the rest.

"What really gets people in over their heads," Dottie said, "is when they can't say no to anything. And so they make the rounds of a half-dozen parties, ferry their kids to ten activities in two weeks, bake until they drop, and host several gatherings of their own. No wonder they're burned out!"

(3) Cover the basics first. Sensible eating, regular exercise, and adequate sleep are more important than ever during this busy period. They provide energy, stamina, and mental perspective for enjoying the holidays.

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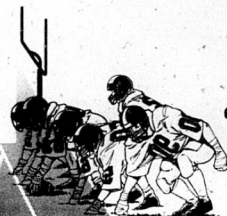
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Pahokee vs. Clewiston Tigers	B. Devils	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	B. Devils	Tigers
Nebraska vs. Texas AM	Texas AM	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Tampa Bay vs. Greenbay	Bucs	Green Bay	Bucs	Green Bay	Green Bay	Bucs	Green Bay
Jaguars vs. New England	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars
Miami Dolphins vs. Detroit	Dolphins	Detroit	Detroit	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Detroit
Army vs. Navy	Army	Navy	Navy	Navy	Army	Navy	Navy
Indianapolis vs. New York Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	NY Jets	Indianapolis	NY Jets
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Tampa Bay Bucs vs. Green Bay	Green Bay	Bucs	Bucs	Green Bay	Green Bay	Bucs	Green Bay
Jaguars vs. New England	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars
Dolphins vs. Detroit	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins
Army vs. Navy	Navy	Army	Navy	Army	Navy	Army	Navy
Indianapolis vs. New York Jets	NY Jets	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	NY Jets	Indianapolis	NY Jets	NY Jets
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12/13 Imports Only Test & Tune  
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### Moroso Motorsports Park, 1998 Special Event Dates

January 1-3	SCCA 24-HOUR ROAD RACE
January 7-8	Historic Sports Car Race
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February 1	HOT ROD SUNDAY
February 14-15	SCCA National Road Race
February 21-22	HOT ROD POWER FESTIVAL
March 14-15	ALL SPORT ALL CHEVY SHOW
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September 13	CHRYSLER CLASSIC SHOW
October 3-4	ALL FORD SHOW
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### Sidestep the holiday bustle

The mad rush of the holidays can be like a dance in which we try to manage too many steps in too many directions. No wonder many people feel overwhelmed and exhausted by the time the holidays are over.

"You can sidestep the holiday, though," said Dottie Gabor, a representative of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). "Just follow these three principles: (1) Simplify. 'Streamline whenever you can,' said Dottie. 'This means different things to different people. It might mean you bake one kind of homemade cookies this year instead of a half-dozen varieties. Maybe it means that you take shortcuts on your decorating to achieve the effect you want without a lot of fuss.'"

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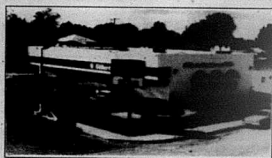
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we can take this as a good sign!

There has been a rumor that the date has been changed from Saturday the 13th to Sunday "daytime" the 14th, as of now the date is still Saturday.

Keep checking your newspaper for updates.

## The Annual Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition

For the first time, the Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition is open to 7th and 8th grade students and to two-person teams. In the 16th annual competition now underway, students in 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to participate indi-

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The competition rewards the creativity of students who invent battery-powered devices. Recognized as the nation's leading invention contest, 100 great ideas will be winners in the 1998 competition, and every student who enters will receive a prize.

Entries from grades 7 to 9 and from grades 10 to 12 will

be judged separately. In both categories, the first place winner will receive a \$20,000 gift certificate for computer equipment. Teachers sponsoring all 100 winners receive gifts.

The first and second place winners, their parents and sponsoring teachers will be guests of Duracell at awards festivities held in Las Vegas during the National Science Teacher Associations annual convention in April.

To help students power their winning ideas, the competition offering directions and a parts list for the new Duracell/NSTA Starter Kit via the National Science Teacher Association World Wide Web site. The kit is an introduction to basic electronics and shows how to build a circuit. Students must collect or purchase the parts listed on the web site in order to complete the circuit.

For the first 15 years of the Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition, only individuals in 9th through 12th grades could enter. For the past several years teacher in middle schools and junior high schools have asked that the competition be opened to their students. The NSTA and Duracell also decided to invite students to enter in pairs since team work is now a vital part of many careers in science, technology and business.

Entries are judged on creativity, practicality, and energy efficiency of the battery powered device, and on the clarity of the essay. Winners are selected in a two step process by judges who are distinguished scientists and science educators selected by the NSTA.

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